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## ROCKEFELLERS IN EMBRYO.

THE origin of oil deposits has had considerable enlightenment thrown upon it in recent years, and a native-born Nevada, Charles Lewers, of Washoe valley, counsel for the Southern Pacific company, is entitled to much of the credit for disseminating knowledge as to the genesis of these occurrences. It will be remembered that when he was practicing law in Reno, in about 1912, he was called upon by the company to conduct the suit between the government and the railway to quiet title to oil lands in Southern California worth many millions of dollars. The question upon which the case depended was whether or not petroleum is a mineral product. It was once so considered. In fact, the etymology of the word classes it as "rock oil." It was clearly shown by expert testimony in this case that bivalves and univalves of ages and ages ago made the deposition of this animal oil in the sands that lay above impermeable strata, leaving behind the shells that now form the vast deposits of infusorial and diatomaceous earths, which occur in oil regions and which are particularly abundant in Nevada, there being extensive deposits near Mound House, at Pessup and at Crow Springs, but a few miles from this city.

On account of their porous nature, the shales of Nevada have absorbed much of this oil, which was deposited at the time the Lahontan sea and smaller bodies of water overlay the major portion of the state, giving it its lime and other sedimentary deposits. While the shales are now being eagerly sought for, because of a method of testing them which was recently discovered, the native oil itself, in its sand beds, is also the aim of prospectors. Two Tonopah outfits have set out within the past week, in opposite directions. They left on what seemed indisputable evidence of oil. May they all locate gushers!

## CONSERVATION A VITAL ISSUE.

THE 12-year fight to keep the nation's waterpower from capture by the power monopolists is at last on the verge of being won. The administration waterpower bill, now before congress, opens the way to save for the people of the United States their most valuable natural asset. Some fifty million water horsepower is at stake.

The bill in question was formulated under the direction of the secretary of agriculture, the secretary of war and the secretary of the interior, was submitted to the president for his approval, and recently put forward as an administration measure. It deals with waterpower in national forests, public lands, Indian lands and navigable streams. A special committee of the house has been created to consider it.

It is an admirable measure, drawn with thorough knowledge and unusual skill. The principles essential for the wise use and development of our public waterpowers in the public interest are all embodied in it.

The administration waterpower bill will first come before the house of representatives, where an effort will certainly be made to amend it in the interest of the power interests. If that fails, the waterpower lobbyists will endeavor to have the indefensible provisions of the Shields bill substituted in the senate for the administration bill. Beaten in that, they will fall back upon the formula of obstruction and delay they used so successfully for the last ten years.

This measure is practical, fair and wise. The friends of conservation should insist that their friends in congress shall give their prompt and full support to the administration waterpower bill, and shall see to it that it is passed without emasculation, substitution or postponement. It is of vital interest to our country while the war is on, and will be equally important after the war is over.

The passage of this law will secure to the American people forever vast resources whose use for the good of all will make this land a safer and a better place to live in. All the forces of conservation are behind it.

## PUBLIC TAKEN INTO CONFIDENCE.

SECRETARY BAKER came out in the open yesterday and gave the public more real news relative to the accomplishments of the government in preparing to actually enter the world war than had hitherto been made free for publication in all the months since the declaration of hostilities. It is well that this was done, for hitherto the American people were the only ones who did not know the facts in the case. Germany has had daily and hourly first-hand information and it has leaked out from the central powers to the neutrals and then dribbled back to the United States, the information being distorted in its journey. The news that came from Secretary Baker's lips yesterday, which we should have had long ago, was of a very encouraging nature. Let there be daily bulletins for the American press and also a little more freedom in the mention of persons and places, all of which are known to the enemy.

## BURDENING THE MAILS.

HALF an hour at least is required daily to peruse, or, rather, to hastily glance through, the mass of matter that reaches the Bonanza desk with the government frank on the envelopes. Occasionally there is something of news interest, or matter that is helpful to the public in war times; but the great majority of the communications are impossible for use. The Bonanza does not particularly object to the wastage of its own time, but it feels that criticism is due for the expense of printing these myriads of communications, some of which are a hundred or more pages

in extent. The compilation cost alone must reach into huge figures daily, while the consumption of white paper is enormous. Then, the railway mail clerks and post office attaches are given needless work. There is splendid opportunity for the government to Hooverize in some of its own departments.

Go back to the simple life, be contented with simple food, simple pleasures, simple clothes. Work hard, pray hard, play hard. Work, eat, recreate and sleep. Do it all courageously. We have a victory to win.—Hoover.

## NOTES ON SPORTING EVENTS

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 29.—With volunteering and the selective draft thinning the ranks of the professional ball players, followers of the game here are prone to believe that the 1918 season, aside from giving an unusual number of youngsters an opportunity to break into fast company, also will see the return of many of the old-timers who, in normal times, have been relegated to the scrap heap.

Among the latter class prominently mentioned is Joe Corbett, one-time pitcher of the famous Baltimore Orioles. Corbett essayed a "come-back" last season, but found himself unequal to the pace set by the younger men. With many of these young stars out of the way, there are many who think that Corbett will be able to hold his own. At any rate, it would surprise no one if the former "Orion" was included in the muster for the opening of the preliminary training season.

Jack Powell, another pitcher of the days of Amos Rusie, it is announced, will avail of the unusual war condition to break into the game again. Powell is 44 years old. These, and a dozen others, will endeavor to return to the diamond. If they cannot meet the requirements of the major leagues, they will not be above trying to make one of the minor league clubs.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 29.—With the recent death of Arthur I. "Reef" Wheeler, the entire left side of the line of Princeton's famous championship football team of 1893 has been called by death. Harry Brown, end rush, and Augustus F. Holly, left tackle, have been dead for a number of years. Wheeler played at left guard. A classmate and teammate of Wheeler who lives in this city says:

"Wheeler was one of the most powerful men that ever graduated from Princeton. He weighed 210 pounds when in condition and the outstanding of his game was his remarkable speed. It was no unusual thing to see Wheeler break through his opponents' defense and get down the field on a kick in advance of his ends and make the tackle of the man receiving the ball. He played through his four years in college and I do not remember he ever was taken out of a game for any reason."

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 29.—Reports from all parts of the country show an unprecedented number of middle-aged men who are members of regular athletic clubs, enrolled in the physical culture classes. This is described as being directly due to the war.

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of regular exercise now are regular attendants at the two or three times a week classes which are being held in the larger athletic organizations of the country. Practically all these men are drilling with the home guards organizations or are fitting themselves for these organizations in the event that their services are required.

(By Associated Press.) CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 29.—Hand grenade throwing is a regular event at track meets is a suggestion that has been made as a direct result of the war. The proposal has been made for adoption in the Western conference. Dr. S. D. Browne of the Oregon Agricultural college has worked the event out as follows: The participant will stand in a 4-foot square and throw in twenty seconds five grenades. The throwing will be done in a trench and accuracy to count. A supplementary event is designed for distance.

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## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States civil service commission again announces an examination for the position of clerk in the post office in this city.

There has been difficulty in securing a sufficient number of applicants for this position and therefore all qualified persons are urged to enter the examination.

Application blanks and further information may be obtained from the local secretary of the board of civil service examiners at the post office in this city.

## DRAINAGE DISTRICT PLANNED.

(By Associated Press.) ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Jan. 29.—Steps looking to the fruition of a plan discussed for many months were taken here recently with the filing in district court of a petition for the creation of a drainage district on the west bank of the Rio Grande river, a few miles south of here. The petition asks that about 7,000 acres be placed in the proposed district.

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# SUPER-POWER STATIONS WILL BE USED TO CONSERVE ENGLISH COAL

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Jan. 29.—To effect a saving in coal and its by-products, officially estimated at 100,000,000 pounds a year, the British ministry of reconstruction has approved a scheme for supplying all the industries in Great Britain with cheap electric power, generated at big "super-power stations," not more than sixteen for the whole of the country. The scheme is one of the most ambitious that has yet been worked out to enable the country to recover from the economic losses of the war. Its details are given in a report from the coal conservation committee of the ministry of reconstruction.

The amount of coal used to produce industrial power in the United Kingdom is about 80,000,000 tons yearly. The new project, it is claimed, would enable the same amount of power to be produced with an expenditure of only 25,000,000 tons, and the 55,000,000 tons saved would represent not only economy in mining, but also a gigantic economy in transport. The committee, however, does not believe that the change will mean the mining of less coal, but rather that Great Britain will enormously increase its amount of industrial horsepower, and the extent to which this can be raised, it is explained, is one of the main conditions necessary for a general rise in national standards of life.

The committee's proposals rest on the assumption that electricity is the most economical and convenient form in which to apply power to industry and that the only way to generate electricity cheaply is to generate it on a very large scale. The report only anticipates what electrical specialists have foreseen for years as the natural electrical development in a country like Great Britain, which is small in area, closely settled, and rich in coal. In view of these conditions, Great Britain is regarded

as the country in all the world best situated to profit most from such a national monopoly of power. The question in controversy is who is to own and manage the monopoly. The committee recommends that the sixteen "super-power stations" should be owned and managed by private companies with a national body of government commissioners controlling them on behalf of the state, much after the model of the present state-control of the British railways. Several of the London newspapers take exception to this arrangement, declaring that the whole scheme

must be run by and for the state. The committee's report says in part: "The committee proposes to supply all our industries with electrical power generated at big super-power stations, and to eliminate or combine all smaller stations. The primary object is to economize our coal supplies. The saving in coal, together with the saving of the by-products now wasted by the burning of coal in open grates and boiler furnaces, would mean 100,000,000 pounds a year."

## MANY JOIN COLORS.

(By Associated Press.) TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 29.—Eighty-two per cent of the baseball, football and basketball men of the last three years at the University of Arizona are in national service, a compilation recently made by college authorities discloses. These men, sixty-two in number, include nearly all of those awarded the college insignia since 1914.

## WILL RECEIVE AWARDS.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Jan. 29.—A distinctive decoration in the form of a bronze star is to be awarded to all naval officers and men who took part in the operations in France and Belgium during the earlier part of the war in 1914.

## NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The co-partnership now and heretofore existing between S. R. Nulley, Mrs. Anna Nulley, his wife, and Mike Bielich, in what is known and called the Pot Roast Cafe, has this day been mutually dissolved. S. R. Nulley and Mrs. S. R. Nulley, his wife, retiring. All bills due to said Pot Roast Cafe are to be paid to Mike Bielich, and all bills owing by said Pot Roast Cafe will be paid by Mike Bielich.

Dated January 19th, 1918, Tonopah, Nevada.  
MRS. ANNA NULLEY,  
S. R. NULLEY,  
MIKE BIELICH.

## AN EMPTY TITLE.

(By Associated Press.) AMSTERDAM, Jan. 29.—The German emperor has appointed Privy Councillor Habor to be governor of the German colony of New Guinea. The Cologne Volk Zeitung explains: "It may sound curious that a governor should be appointed to a region which we have lost during the war, but the fact is thus clearly emphasized that Germany has no intention of renouncing her colonies."

## WILL RESTRICT FOOD.

(By Associated Press.) CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Jan. 29.—A census of the population and an inventory of all public and private stocks of foodstuffs is being made by the Norwegian government, as a basis for a new and very stringent system of food restriction, which will be put in force at once.

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